

## **Summary of the AHCCN Grant for Community Health Centers of Arkansas**

**Title of Project (or Program):** ARRA Health Information Technology Implementation Arkansas Health Center Controlled Network (AHCCN)

### **AHCCN Members:**

- CABUN Rural Health Services, Inc.
- Corning Area Healthcare, Inc.
- East Arkansas Family Health Center, Inc.
- Jefferson Comprehensive Care System
- Lee County Cooperative Clinic, Inc.
- Mainline Health Systems, Inc.
- The AHCCN's composition includes 25 Arkansas counties and 27 locations.

Community Health Centers of Arkansas, Inc. (CHCA) will serve as the lead agency working with the Arkansas Health Center Controlled Network's six members to facilitate discussions, strategic planning, and the health center members' ability in achieving "meaningful use" of certified EHRs. The purpose of the health center controlled network is to ensure access to healthcare for the medically underserved populations through the enhancement of health center operations, including health information technology.

With the project period of one year, beginning September 1, 2009, the AHCCN will utilize and share data for clinical and system quality improvement. The AHCCN will specifically focus on improving performance outcome measures such as: HbA1C measures, women and rates of pap smears, and immunization histories of two-year old children. In addition, creating an infrastructure such as this, greatly impacts overall quality, efficiency, and effectiveness for all patients served.